HOUSE BILL 1031

By Daniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the employment of teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-401(a), is amended by deleting the language "June 15" and by substituting instead the language "May 15".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-409(b), is amended by deleting the language "June 15" and by substituting instead the language "May 15".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-409, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Nothing in this section shall prohibit a board from abolishing a position after May 15, for sufficient, just, and nondiscriminatory reasons; provided, that the person holding the position is notified immediately in writing stating the reasons for abolishing the position and the person is entitled to the next position that the person is qualified to hold and that opens within the school system during the remainder of the school year. The determination of whether a teacher is qualified for an open position shall be made by the director of schools, and the teacher's most recent evaluations may be a factor in such determination.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.